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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know, Sir, whether it requires any additional expenditure to train midwives?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Owing to financial stringency local bodies have been asked not to entertain any extra midwives. In that connexion it was considered unnecessary to train more midwives."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that throughout the Presidency there is a large demand for fully qualified midwives? If so, is it not the duty of Government to make adequate arrangements for the training of midwives in larger numbers?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Already sufficient number is being trained."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"When there are 326 rural dispensaries which have no trained midwives, do the Government feel that the existing number of midwives is adequate from the point of view of public health and maternity welfare?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is a question of finance. I am also considering the desirability of again permitting the local bodies to entertain midwives in their dispensaries."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"If the centre is there, cannot the public have training in it at their own expense?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The Government do not consider that there are not sufficient facilities to meet the demand."

Co-operative Societies

Instructions to Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies forbidding the registration of any more societies.

* 253 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any instructions have been issued to the Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies forbidding them from registering more societies;

(b) if so, whether a copy of that order will be placed on the table;

(c) whether the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Salem, has received a petition from the people of Konganapuram mitta praying for the establishment of a rural credit society in their place; and

(d) when it was received and in what way it has been disposed of?

A.—(a) No. The Deputy Registrars have not been forbidden to register new societies; but have been instructed to devote greater attention to the rectification of existing societies.

(b) Copies of two circulars[a] issued by the Registrar are appended.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 306–307 infra.

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(c) & (d) A petition for the organization of a co-operative society was received by the Deputy Registrar on 10th February 1931; a reference was made to the hon. Member in the matter on 22nd March 1931, and the papers were finally lodged on 18th September 1931. The Government have no further information.

Co-operative Credit Society for the Konganapuram mitta, Salem district.

* 254 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received from the villagers of Konganapuram mitta in Tiruchengodu taluk of Salem district in 1931 to start a co-operative credit society in their place; and

(b) if so, in what way the matter has been disposed of?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clauses (c) and (d) of question No. 253.

Education

Appointment of an Adi-Dravida to the Cuddapah District Educational Council.

* 255 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government recently, in or about the month of May 1933, nominated an Adi-Dravida Member to the District Educational Council, Cuddapah;

(b) if so, what he is and what his educational qualifications are;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said Member is an illiterate man and that he does not even know to sign his name;

(d) whether some Members of the Legislative Council including Mr. N. Siva Raj, represented this fact of his illiteracy to the hon. Minister before the nomination was made;

(e) whether literacy is not a qualification for nomination to a District Educational Council;

(f) whether the District Educational Officer, Cuddapah, was consulted in the matter of this nomination and, if so, what his recommendation was; and

(g) if the answers to clauses (c) or (d) and (e) are in the affirmative, what the reasons were for which the Government nominated this particular Member?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) He is a member of the District Secondary Education Board and is reported to be fully literate in Telugu with some knowledge of English.